

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display including a backlight device which comprises a housing in which at least one ~~tube-like-fluorescent lamp~~ is present, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the housing forms a substantially dustproof space, and in that wherein part of the lamp extends outside the housing through a wall of said housing, which said wall abuts abutting against the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner at the a location where the lamp passes through the wall, wherein the wall comprises two parallel plates between which a flexible material is arranged, and wherein the flexible material abuts against the lamp.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said wall abuts against the glass, a glass light-transmitting part of the lamp in a

substantially dust-tight manner.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A the liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said flexible material is a synthetic foam material.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein recesses in each of the metal plates are larger than the further recesses in the flexible material, through which further recesses the lamp extends.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein~~ said part of the lamp extends into a channel through which air can flow.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A The liquid crystal display as claimed~~

in claim 7, ~~characterized by further comprising~~ a fan which is capable of generating an air flow through the channel.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the housing abuts against a diffuser plate.

10. (Currently Amended) A backlight ~~device, in particular for~~ a comprising the liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1 ~~which backlight device comprises a housing in which at least one lamp is present, characterized in that the housing forms a substantially dustproof space, that part of the lamp extends outside the housing through the wall of said housing and that said wall abuts against the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner at the location where the lamp extends through the wall.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A method of lighting a liquid crystal display including a backlight device comprising a housing in which at least one lamp is present, in which the lamp backlights the liquid crystal matrix display from the rear, characterized in that wherein the housing forms a substantially dustproof space, that and

wherein part of the lamp extends outside the housing through the a
wall of said housing-and that, said wall abuts-abutting against the
lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner at the-a location where
said lamp extends through the wall, wherein the wall comprises two
parallel plates between which a flexible material is arranged, and
wherein the flexible material abuts against the lamp.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said
wall abuts against ~~the glass,~~ a glass light-transmitting part of
the lamp in a substantially dust-tight manner.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 13,~~ claim 11,
wherein said flexible material is a synthetic foam material.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 15,~~ claim 11,
wherein ~~the~~ recesses in each of the ~~metal~~ plates are larger than
~~the further~~ recesses in the flexible material, through which

further recesses the lamp extends.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said part of the lamp extends into a channel through which air can flow.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein a fan which is capable of generating an air flow through the channel.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the housing abuts against a diffuser plate.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

21. (New) A display comprising:

a housing having a base, outer walls and inner walls;

a first surface supported by at least one the outer walls and inner walls, the inner walls separating an inner space and an outer space; and

at least one light source having a body located in the inner space and at least one end extending into the outer space through

at least one inner wall of the inner walls;

wherein the inner space extends from the first surface to the base and completely encloses the body.

22.(New) The display of claim 21, wherein one outer wall of the outer walls includes at least one opening configured to allow air into the outer space.

23.(New) The display of claim 21, wherein one outer wall of the outer walls includes at least one opening configured to allow air into the outer space, said one outer wall being substantially perpendicular to an axis of the at least one light source.

24.(New) The display of claim 21, further comprising a fan configured to blow air into the outer space through at least one opening of the outer walls.

25.(New) The display of claim 21, wherein the inner walls comprises two parallel plates sandwiching a flexible material; the at least one end extending into the outer space through the flexible material.